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In re Application of: )  
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Serial No.: 10/039,490 ) Group Art Unit: 2828  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER, ) Date: July 24, 2003  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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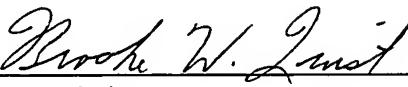
This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2003. In the Restriction Requirement, election was required between Group I: Figs. 1-5 and 7-13; and Group II: Fig. 6. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement, but provisionally elects Group I: Figures 1-5 and 7-13, for prosecution on the merits. Applicant believes that claims 1-13 and 16-20 read on Group I. Applicant understands that all claims shall be eligible for prosecution on the merits upon the allowance of a generic claim. Moreover, Applicant

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respectfully reserves the right to file one or more divisional and/or continuing applications  
claiming the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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